

**Town of Camden  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Camden Municipal Building  
July 6, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting was being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on June 29, 2020, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Board, and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

Vice-Mayor Schock led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Torres led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor Torres, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilman Woodall, Councilman Girty, and Councilwoman Rhodes.

Council Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Town Manager Jason Stewart, Town Clerk Sarah Cahall, Account Specialist Alicia Thalhofer, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, CFO Tom Josiah, and Chief Marcus Whitney.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Property taxes are due by the close of business on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the June 1, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Girty, to approve the June 1, 2020 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mayor Torres announced Alicia Thalhofer as the new Account Specialist.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT**

Mrs. Cahall stated the final site plans for Dollar General were approved. She added that the preliminary hearing for the fast food/retail on parcel 02.94.00-01.15.03 was approved as well.

**CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT**

None.

**CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY**

Councilman Woodall said they will have their monthly meeting next month. He added that the monthly bills have been successful. He added that Harold Scott Sr. is doing extremely well with their operations.

Mayor Torres questioned the Sewer County surcharge.

Councilman Woodall suggested contacting CWSWA so they can go into greater detail information on explaining the bill. He added their website is not satisfying with billing information.

**FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN**

None.

**VFW**

None.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Whitney gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He added they are still operating under COVID-19 standards.

Councilman Woodall questioned if the officers received their bonuses.

Chief Whitney stated all the officers were compensated and were very grateful.

Chief Whitney stated for the record that Camden Police Department was only supplying the location for the Walk in Their Shoes event. Camden Police Department had no hand in any organization of the event. The event Organizer decided to cancel the event.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Stewart stated RETT check was \$53,116.82. He said the Veteran Memorial monument area was updated by Fred Wyatt. He added that the Public Works Department is researching costs for repainting all caution lines throughout the Town. He is researching software programs for building permits.

He welcomed Alicia Thalhoffer to the Town of Camden. He added that Gail Seibert has been working diligently and working well during the transition.

Mr. Stewart gave sincere gratitude to Mrs. Cahall for being instrumental during the transition of his new role and the new Account Specialist for making sure the office is running smoothly.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Torres gave her condolence to Pat Kelly's family.

Mayor Torres thanked the Town staff for the dedication during the transition.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Budget FY2021*

There will be no tax increase for commercial businesses. Fund balance will be used to cover the budget. They will be only requesting one officer in the budget. Administration salary has decreased by \$12,498.00. Early bird discount will remain and the deficit of \$98,662.00 will be covered by fund balance.

Vice-Mayor Schock is pleased with the budget.

Councilman Woodall stated he is happy with the budget.

Councilman Girty thanked all business owners for meeting with them and brainstorming.

Lisa Dawson- Thanked Mayor and Council for not increasing the taxes.

A motion was made by Councilman Girty, and seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve the FY2021 Budget as stands with using the fund balance of \$98,662.00. All in favor: none opposed.

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Torres- yes

Vice-Mayor Schock- yes

Councilwoman Rhodes- yes

Councilman Woodall- yes

Councilman Girty- yes

*Police Contract*

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, and seconded by Councilman Rhodes, to approve the Police Contract as is with the removal of section 6.2. All in favor; none opposed.

Roll Call:

Mayor Torres- yes

Vice-Mayor Schock- yes

Councilwoman Rhodes- yes

Councilman Woodall- yes

Councilman Girty- yes

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Employee handbook*

Mr. Stewart stated he has been reviewing the handbook and will have updates over the next few weeks.

*Internship Program*

Mr. Stewart stated he and a few others sat with a protest group recently. He added, an individual suggested they would like the Town to have a part-time internship program. He is looking into bringing an unpaid or paid (at minimum wage) program into the Town. He would like to engage with the local youth.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*To consider strategy with respect to pending and/or potential litigation and/or with respect to personnel issues.*

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made at 7:43pm by Councilman Girty, seconded Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Town of Camden  
July 6, 2020*

*Regular Meeting Minutes*

*Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*